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TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ACHIEVING DIFFERENT LEVELS OF DATA CONSISTENCY

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(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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1. This communication is responsive to a telephone interview with Frank V. DeRosa (Reg. No. 43,584) on 4/24/08.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4-15,18-20,22-24,44,45 and 47-53 (renumbered as 1-29).
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The applicants amended claims 1-2, 7, 12, 20, 22-24, 44-45, and 49, canceled claims 3, 21, 25-43, and 46, and added new claims 53-54 in the amendment filed on 1/17/08.

The pending claims are 1-2, 4-20, 22-24, 44-45, and 47-54.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Frank V. DeRosa (Reg. No. 43,584) on 4/24/08.
4. The application has been amended as follows:

Rewrite claim 1 as follows:

“1. In a system comprised of a plurality of objects stored in a plurality of caches, a method for maintaining consistent copies of the objects, comprising the steps of: providing a plurality of consistency policies including at least a first and second consistency policy, wherein each consistency policy specifies how to reconcile multiple versions of an object;

selectively applying the first consistency policy to achieve a degree of consistency above a consistency level at a first overhead;

selectively applying the second consistency policy to achieve a degree of consistency below the consistency level at a second overhead which is less than the first overhead, to thereby achieve greater system performance by reducing overhead for maintaining consistency;

differentiating or prioritizing communication between a cache and a consistency coordinator by a cache device; and

maintaining at least two queues in the cache to hold messages communicated to the consistency coordinator.";

Rewrite claim 6 as follows:

"6. The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising a step of managing the plurality of consistency policies using the consistency coordinator.";

Rewrite claim 9 as follows:

"9. The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising steps of:
measuring activity of the consistency coordinator, which manages the consistency policies in the system; and
maintaining connections with caches in the system in accordance with the activity of the consistency coordinator.";

Rewrite claim 10 as follows:

"10. The method as recited in claim 9, further comprising communicating the activity of the consistency coordinator to the caches.";

Rewrite claim 14 as follows:

"14. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein a consistency policy of at least one object is specified as a condition in terms of a temporal or semantic state of the at least one object.";

Cancel claim 16;

Cancel claim 17;

Rewrite claim 18 as follows:

"18. The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of prioritizing messages in one queue with a higher priority than messages in another queue.";

Rewrite claim 19 as follows:

"19. The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of maintaining a number of connections by a cache which is dynamically varied depending upon a load on the consistency coordinator.";

Rewrite claim 20 as follows:

"20. A program memory storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for a method for maintaining consistent copies of an object, the method steps comprising:

providing a plurality of consistency policies including at least a first and second consistency policy, wherein each consistency policy specifies how to reconcile multiple versions of an object;

selectively applying the first consistency policy to achieve a degree of consistency above a consistency level at a first overhead;

selectively applying the second consistency policy to achieve a degree of consistency below the consistency level at a second overhead which is less than the first overhead, to thereby achieve greater system performance by reducing overhead for maintaining consistency;

differentiating or prioritizing communication between a cache and a consistency coordinator by a cache device; and

maintaining at least two queues in the cache to hold message communicated to the consistency coordinator.";

Rewrite claim 44 as follows:

"44. A system for maintaining consistent copies of objects, comprising:
a plurality of caches for storing objects;

a plurality of consistency policies maintained throughout the system, the consistency policies including at least a first and second consistency policy, wherein each consistency policy specifies how to reconcile multiple versions of an object stored in one or more of the plurality of caches; and

a consistency coordinator having selective communication with the caches, which selectively applies the first consistency policy to achieve a degree of consistency above a consistency level at a first overhead and which selectively applies the second consistency policy to achieve a degree of consistency below the consistency level at a second overhead which is less than the first overhead, to thereby achieve greater system performance by reducing overhead for maintaining consistency,

wherein each cache comprises at least two queues which designate an update priority of an object included in each queue; wherein the consistency coordinator manages requests for updates from the caches in accordance with the update priority of a cached object and a consistency policy currently applied for the cached object.”;

Rewrite claim 49 as follows:

“49. The system as recited in claim 44, further comprising an application that updates an object and which select a consistency policy for an object.”;

Rewrite claim 53 as follows:

"53. In a system comprised of a plurality of objects stored in a plurality of caches, a method for maintaining consistent copies of the objects, comprising the steps of:

providing a first consistency policy, where a consistency policy specifies how to reconcile multiple versions of an object, wherein the first consistency policy updates an object for which multiple copies exist by sending out at least one message to invalidate a copy of the object and waiting for an acknowledgement that the invalidation message has been received before assigning a new value to the object;

providing a second consistency policy which updates an object without waiting for an acknowledgement that a message to invalidate a copy of the object has been received;

selectively applying the first consistency policy to achieve a degree of consistency above a consistency level at a first overhead;

selectively applying the second consistency policy to achieve a degree of consistency below the consistency level at a second overhead which is less than the first overhead, to thereby achieve greater system performance by reducing overhead for maintaining consistency;

differentiating or prioritizing communication between a cache and a consistency coordinator by a cache device; and

maintaining at least two queues in the cache to hold messages communicated to the consistency coordinator."; and

Cancel claim 54.

5. The pending claims are 1-2, 4-15, 18-20, 22-24, 44-45, and 47-53.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 1-2, 4-15, 18-20, 22-24, 44-45, and 47-53 are allowed.

Claims 1, 20, and 53 identify the distinct features, a plurality of consistency policies including at least a first and second consistency policy, wherein each consistency policy specifies how to reconcile multiple versions of an object; selectively applying the first consistency policy to achieve a degree of consistency above a consistency level at a first overhead; selectively applying the second consistency policy to achieve a degree of consistency below the consistency level at a second overhead which is less than the first overhead, to thereby achieve greater system performance by reducing overhead for maintaining consistency; differentiating or prioritizing communication between a cache and a consistency coordinator by a cache device; and maintaining at least two queues in the cache to hold messages communicated to the consistency coordinator, which are not taught or suggested by the prior art of records. Claim 44 identifies the distinct features, a plurality of consistency policies including at least a first and second consistency policy, wherein each consistency policy specifies how to reconcile multiple versions of an object; selectively applying the first consistency policy to achieve a degree of consistency above a consistency level at a first overhead;

selectively applying the second consistency policy to achieve a degree of consistency below the consistency level at a second overhead which is less than the first overhead, to thereby achieve greater system performance by reducing overhead for maintaining consistency; each cache comprises at least two queues which designate an update priority of an object included in each queue; wherein the consistency coordinator manages requests for updates from the caches in accordance with the update priority of a cached object and a consistency policy currently applied for the cached object, which are not taught or suggested by the prior art of records. The closest prior art, Challenger et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,567,893) disclosing caching of objects using a publish and subscribe paradigm, fails to suggest the claimed limitations as mentioned above in combination with other claimed elements. The above features in conjunction with all other limitations of the dependent and independent claims 1-2, 4-15, 18-20, 22-24, 44-45, and 47-53 are hereby allowed.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOON H. HWANG whose telephone number is (571)272-4036. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00(M~F).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hosain T. Alam can be reached on 571-272-3978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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